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H.B. No. 2490

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the system for maintaining records relating to children
3 in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective
4 Services.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 40, Human Resources Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 40.043 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 40.043. CASE TRACKING AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
9 SYSTEM. (a) The department shall ensure that the department's case
10 tracking and information management system:

11 (1) provides a date and time stamp and identifies the
12 author for each entry of information in a child's case file in the
13 system; and

14 (2) once information is added to a child's case file in
15 the system, prohibits a person from modifying or deleting the
16 information but allows a person to add new or revised information to
17 update a child's case file.

18 (b) For each entry of information in a child's case file in
19 the case tracking and information management system, the
20 descriptive and technical metadata for the information must be in a
21 format that allows a system user to clearly and fully understand the
22 date, time, and author identity provided as required by Subsection
23 (a)(1).

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.